



AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT GENDER AND LAND IN AFRICA
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Recommendations**

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**WHAT RESEARCH IS NEEDED TO
PROMOTE GENDER-EQUITABLE
INVESTMENT IN PRIMARY
AGRICULTURE?**

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Reliable data

- Intra-household unit of analysis
- Disaggregated baseline data on tenure, land use, production and livelihoods
- Longitudinal
- More quantitative data needed
- Shared survey data and research designs on impact
- Technical advice to generate gender disaggregated data

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Tenure & property systems

- Diverse tenure systems and practices
- Life spans
- Socio-cultural and comparative dimensions
- Land policy approaches & implementation modalities
- Alternative property systems (beyond customary tenure or titling.... community titling, statutory protection, alternatives?)

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Voice

- ‘What do women really want??’
 - Methods to enable unmediated documentation including multi-media
 - Drawing out practical gender needs (PGN) and strategic gender interests (SGI)
 - Attending to generational differences as well as gender (eg. young women, second wives, unmarried women, etc)
- How are women affected by investments?
- Therefore: what do women really want (iterative research methods)

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Investment models

- Structure, design, interests and outcomes
- Institutional arrangements
 - Reproducing or transforming gender relations ('positive deviance' or transgressive processes)
- History of the models
- How this affects women's collective action
- Trends in CSR and how it is defined (and who defines it / how)

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‘Success’

- What enables success?
- How to define success
 - Socio-economic
 - Environmental
 - Production / accumulation / class dynamics
- Who defines it, how ‘voice’ confirms or contests it

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Action research

- Rural communities
 - find effective ways of working with men
- Social movements
- Women farmers’ associations
- CSOs
 - Bringing rights back into development debate
 - Being a source of information; not ‘extractive’ research

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Audiences

- A combination of multi-stakeholder events, bringing people together
- And more targeted, bilateral, local engagements with rural communities as end-users
- Also: CSOs, traditional leaders, business (local & international), governments (incl local, district, national ministries), development agencies, G8 (Global Donors Platform on Land), post-2015 agenda.

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CAADP

- We debated the role of research in CAADP
- We would welcome engagement with those leading the CAADP process, to identify research needs, and opportunities for existing research to be shared
- Future Agricultures and PLAAS have proposed to NEPAD to co-host an expert orientation seminar for CAADP focal points

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Our challenge

- Build more effective alliances among researchers to avoid duplication and achieve maximum impact.... find creative platforms and methods of communication
- Especially: Future Agricultures, CIRAD, AWID, IIED, IISD, FAO, IFAD, DAWN, Land Matrix, LDPI

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